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*Dear Respondent:*

*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the Statewide results of the January Sheep and Goat Survey.*

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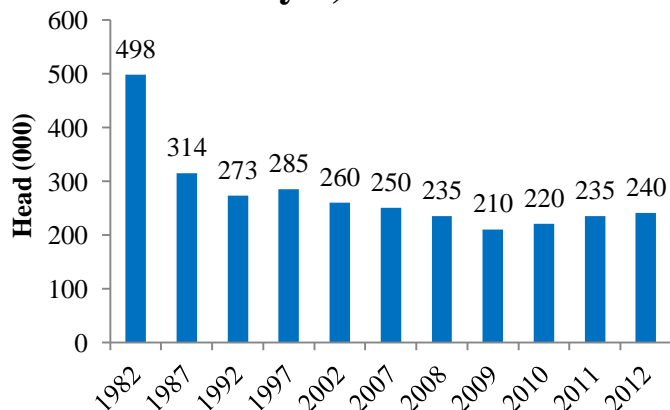
## Idaho Sheep Inventory up 2 Percent From Previous Year

All sheep and lamb inventory in Idaho on January 1, 2012, totaled 240,000 head, up 5,000 head from the previous year. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2012, totaled 199,000 head. Breeding ewes one year old and older totaled 166,000 head, up 15,000 head from January 1, 2011. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2012 totaled 41,000 head. The 2011 lamb crop of 210,000 head was up 5,000 head from 2010. Idaho wool production totaled 2 million pounds for 2011, up 2 percent from 2010. The average wool price for 2011 was \$1.70 per pound.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2012, totaled 5.35 million head, down 2 percent from 2011. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 3.98 million head on January 1, 2012, down 3 percent from 4.08 million head on January 1, 2011. Ewes one year old and

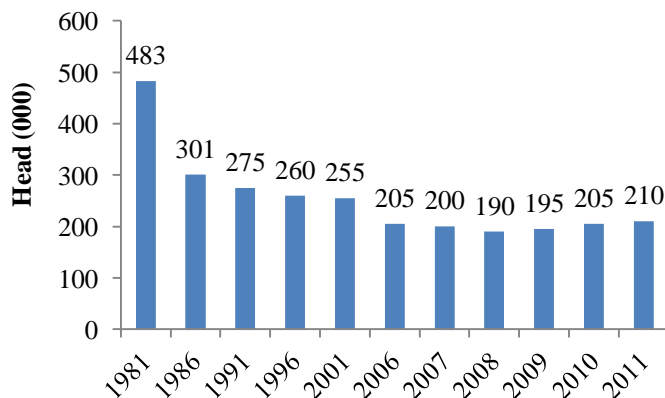
older, at 3.16 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2012, totaled 1.37 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2011. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Twenty-two percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 22 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 38 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory. The 2011 lamb crop of 3.51 million head, was down 2 percent from 2010. The 2011 lambing rate was 109 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2011, an increase of 2 percent from 2010. Shorn wool production in the United States during 2011 was 29.3 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2010. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.03 million head, also down 4 percent from 2010. The average price paid for wool sold in 2011 was a record high \$1.67 per pound for a total value of 48.9 million dollars, up 40 percent from 35.0 million dollars in 2010.

### Idaho Total Sheep & Lambs January 1, 1982-2012



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### Total Lamb Crop 1981-2011

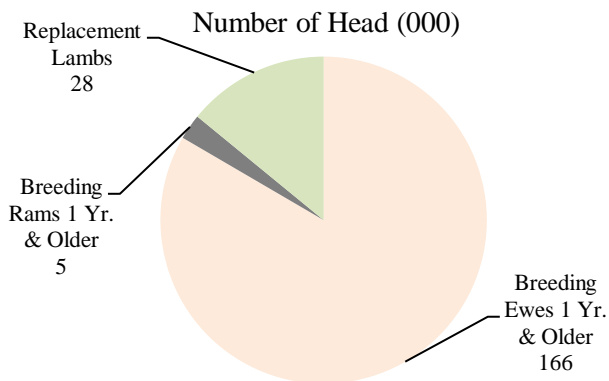


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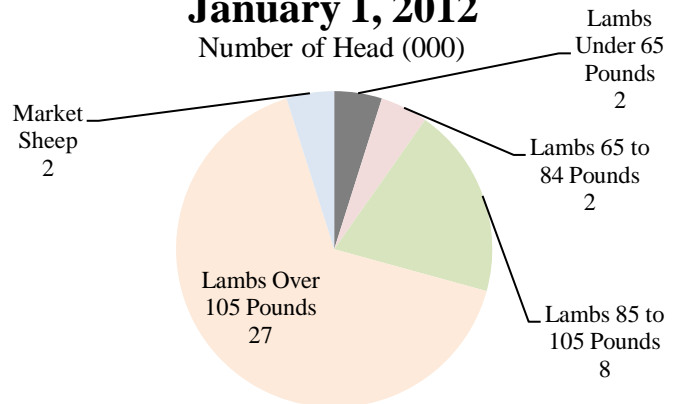
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### Idaho Breeding Sheep and Lambs January 1, 2012



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### Idaho Market Sheep & Lambs January 1, 2012



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### Sheep and Lambs: Inventory by Class, Selected States and U.S., January 1, 2011-2012

State	Total Sheep		Market Sheep and Lambs		Breeding Sheep and Lambs						Lamb Crop 1/	
					Total		Ewes 1+		Replacement Lambs			
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2010	2011
	1,000 Head											
Arizona	150	140	50	43	100	97	75	71	18	20	48	48
California	600	570	270	250	330	320	273	265	45	45	260	250
Colorado	370	460	195	270	175	190	142	154	28	31	170	190
Idaho	235	240	52	41	183	199	151	166	26	28	205	210
Iowa	235	240	52	41	183	199	151	166	26	28	205	210
Montana	230	225	15	15	215	210	170	165	38	39	220	205
Nevada	68	70	10	7	58	63	46	49	10	12	42	47
New Mexico	110	100	15	11	95	89	75	72	15	13	56	50
Oregon	215	200	67	60	148	140	118	109	23	25	154	135
South Dakota	265	285	55	60	210	225	173	185	30	33	230	235
Texas	850	650	170	130	680	520	515	415	125	75	360	340
Utah	280	305	25	25	255	280	210	230	36	41	220	235
Washington	56	52	10	10	46	42	36	33	7	7	54	47
Wyoming	365	370	90	100	275	270	220	215	47	48	230	220
U.S.	5,480	5,345	1,400	1,370	4,080	3,975	3,225	3,155	665	650	3,570	3,510

1/Lamb crop is defined as lambs born in the Eastern States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

## Idaho Sheep Industry Suffers \$6.93 Million Death Loss

Idaho sheep producers lost an estimated 31,500 head of sheep and lambs from all causes, valued at \$6.93 million, in 2011. This is a increase from sheep and lambs lost last year, at 27,000 head and an increase of \$2.47 million in value.

Predator losses at 23.5 percent, accounted for 7,400 head worth a value of \$1.63 million. Coyotes did the most predator damage, at 4,400 head of sheep and lambs. Losses from coyotes alone were valued at \$968,000. Wolves claimed 1,300 head of sheep and lambs, valued at \$286,000. Dogs claimed 800 head of sheep and lambs valued at \$176,000. Cougars killed 300 head, valued at \$66,000 and bears claimed 200 head valued at \$44,000. Losses from other and unknown predators, including bobcats and eagles, accounted for an additional 400 head of sheep and lambs.

Non-predator losses accounted for 24,100 head worth a value of \$5.30 million. Disease claimed 6,700 sheep and lambs in 2011 valued at \$1.47 million. Weather killed 5,700 head. Lambing complications claimed 3,900, enterotoxemia (overeating) accounted for 1,300 head, old age killed 1,200; poison killed 600 head, and 200 were killed by being on their back. Other causes such as accidents, fire, starvation and dehydration caused an additional 1,500 sheep and lamb deaths during 2011 while unknown causes claimed 2,700 head of sheep and lambs valued at \$594,000.

### *All Sheep and Lambs: Death Loss By Cause, Idaho, 2009-2011 <sup>1/</sup>*

Cause of Loss	Head			Percent of Total Losses <sup>2/</sup>			Value <sup>3/ 4/ 5/</sup>		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
<i>1,000 Dollars</i>									
Coyote	5,400	4,700	4,400	19.3	17.4	14.0	740	776	968
Wolves	1,200	900	1,300	4.3	3.3	4.1	164	149	286
Dog	400	300	800	1.4	1.1	2.5	55	50	176
Cougar	300	200	300	1.1	0.7	1.0	41	33	66
Bear	300	400	200	1.1	1.5	0.6	41	66	44
Fox	-	200	-	-	0.7	-	-	33	-
Other Animals <sup>6/</sup>	100	300	300	0.4	1.1	1.0	14	50	66
Unknown Predators	400	200	100	1.4	0.7	0.3	55	33	22
<b>Total Predators</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>1,628</b>
Disease	4,900	4,600	6,700	17.5	17.0	21.3	671	759	1,474
Weather Conditions	2,500	2,200	5,700	8.9	8.1	18.1	343	363	1,254
Lambing Complications	3,700	4,600	3,900	13.2	17.0	12.4	507	759	858
Enterotoxemia <sup>9/</sup>		500	1,300		1.9	4.1		83	286
Old Age	1,700	1,400	1,200	6.1	5.2	3.8	233	231	264
Poison <sup>7/</sup>	400	700	600	1.4	2.6	1.9	55	116	132
Theft	-	100	300	-	0.4	1.0	-	17	66
On Back	100	200	200	0.4	0.7	0.6	14	33	44
Other Causes <sup>7/</sup>	2,800	2,000	1,500	10.0	7.4	4.8	384	330	330
Unknown Causes <sup>8/</sup>	3,800	3,500	2,700	13.6	13.0	8.6	521	578	594
<b>Total Non-Predators</b>	<b>19,900</b>	<b>19,800</b>	<b>24,100</b>	<b>71.1</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>76.5</b>	<b>2,728</b>	<b>3,269</b>	<b>5,302</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>31,500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,838</b>	<b>4,459</b>	<b>6,930</b>

1/ Includes lamb deaths before docking of 11,000 in 2009, 10,000 in 2010, and 10,500 in 2011. 2/ Percentages may not add due to rounding. 3/ Based on average of beginning year and end of year value per head: 2009 - \$137.00, 2010 - \$165.00, and 2011 \$220.00. 4/ Rounded to nearest 1,000 dollars, 5/ Dollar values were rounded to add to total. 6/ Includes bobcats and eagles. 7/ Includes accidents, fire, starvation, dehydration, etc. 8/ Exact cause of death unidentifiable. May include some predator loss. 9/ Enterotoxemia (overeating) was included with Disease prior to 2010.

## *Sheep and Lambs: Death Loss By Cause, Idaho 2009-2011*

Cause of Loss	Sheep						All Lambs <sup>1/</sup>					
	Head			Percent of Total Losses <sup>2/</sup>			Head			Percent of Total Losses <sup>2/</sup>		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
Coyote	700	500	800	10.0	7.1	10.0	4,700	4,200	3,600	22.4	21.0	15.3
Wolves	400	300	600	5.7	4.3	7.5	800	600	700	3.8	3.0	3.0
Dog	100	100	100	1.4	1.4	1.3	300	200	700	1.4	1.0	3.0
Cougar	100	100	100	1.4	1.4	1.3	200	100	200	1.0	0.5	0.9
Bear	200	200	100	2.9	2.9	1.3	100	200	100	0.5	1.0	0.4
Fox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	-	1.0	-
Other Animals <sup>3/</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	300	300	0.5	1.5	1.3
Unknown Predators	100	-	-	1.4	-	-	300	200	100	1.4	1.0	0.4
<b>Total Predators</b>	1,600	1,200	1,700	22.9	17.1	21.3	6,500	6,000	5,700	31.0	30.0	24.3
Disease	1,100	1,200	1,600	15.7	17.1	20.0	3,800	3,400	5,100	18.1	17.0	21.7
Weather Conditions	200	200	800	2.9	2.9	10.0	2,300	2,000	4,900	11.0	10.0	20.9
Lambing Complications	1,000	1,200	1,000	14.3	17.1	12.5	2,700	3,400	2,900	12.9	17.0	12.3
Enterotoxemia <sup>6/</sup>		-	200		-	2.5		500	1,100		2.5	4.7
Old Age	1,700	1,400	1,200	24.3	20.0	15.0						
Poison	100	400	200	1.4	5.7	2.5	300	300	400	1.4	1.5	1.7
Theft	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	300	-	0.5	1.3
On Back	100	100	200	1.4	1.4	2.5	-	100	-	-	0.5	-
Other Causes <sup>4/</sup>	400	600	200	5.7	8.6	2.5	2,400	1,400	1,300	11.4	7.0	5.5
Unknown Causes <sup>5/</sup>	800	700	900	11.4	10.0	11.3	3,000	2,800	1,800	14.3	14.0	7.7
<b>Total Non-Predators</b>	5,400	5,800	6,300	77.1	82.9	78.8	14,500	14,000	17,800	69.0	70.0	75.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	7,000	7,000	8,000	100.0	100.0	100.0	21,000	20,000	23,500	100.0	100.0	100.0

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## **Idaho Meat Goat Inventory Down, Milk Goats Up From Previous Year**

Idaho meat goat inventory on January 1, 2011 was 12,300 head, down 400 head from a year ago. Milk goats totaled 4,000 head, up 500 head from the previous year.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2012, totaled 2.86 million head, down 4 percent from 2011. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.38 million head, down 4 percent from 2011. Does one year old and older, at 1.78 million head, were 3 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 487 thousand head, down 5 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2011 totaled 1.88 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2010. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.36 million head on January 1, 2012, down 4 percent from 2011. Milk goat inventory was 360 thousand head, unchanged from January 1, 2011, while Angora goats were down 15 percent, totaling 146 thousand head. Mohair production in the United States during 2011 was 865 thousand pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 149 thousand head. Average weight per clip was 5.8 pounds. Mohair price was \$4.12 per pound with a value of 3.56 million dollars.